Health Information Privacy and Security Collaboration (HIPSC)

On behalf of Governor Doyle and the eHealth Board, the Department of Health and Family Services submitted a proposal on March 1, 2006 to participate in the Health Information Privacy and Security Collaboration.

This initiative is sponsored by the federal Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) – Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT. Expectations of the states who participate in the HIPSC project are to:

1. Assess variations in organization-level business policies and state laws that affect health information exchange in the state;
2. Work closely with RTI, the National Governor's Association (NGA), and other states to exchange information and experiences regarding interoperable health information exchange barriers and best practices;
3. Identify and propose practical solutions that protect privacy and security of health information and permit interoperable health information exchange;
4. Develop plans to implement solutions in the state and, if applicable, at the federal level; and
5. Manage the project according to RTI requirements.

The Wisconsin proposal leverages the infrastructure that the eHealth Board is creating to support the privacy and security work. The Governor's Executive Order creating an eHealth Board recognized that "a statewide eHealth information infrastructure must be organized and structured in such a manner to protect the privacy and security of health information." As part of its charge the Board is expected to "identify options for serving consumer health information needs and insuring health information privacy and security in electronic health information exchange" as it develops the *Wisconsin Action Plan for Health Care Quality and Patient Safety*.

Instead of creating a new committee structure for the HIPSC, the Wisconsin eHealth Board will serve as the Steering Committee for the HIPSC project - overseeing the activities of multiple working teams and assuring high quality products to RTI. The eHealth Board has established five workgroups to address aspects of health information technology. Groups that are already working on privacy and security issues will be charged with the deliverables for the HIPSC project (see attached). This maximizes existing resources and makes good use of people's time which will encourage people to volunteer to participate in the work teams. It will minimize confusion and help to communicate to the public and to the public health and health care communities what can be accomplished and why to support it. It minimizes the risk associated with competing initiatives and positions the state to deliver a high quality comprehensive *Action Plan* that incorporates all of the issues about privacy and security that are the focus of the HIPSC.

Wisconsin eHealth/HIPSC Organization Chart

Governor Jim Doyle

eHealth Care Quality and Patient Safety Board

Create subgroups of specific stakeholder groups as necessary

Patient Care Information Support (Clinical Care)

Information Exchange Technical Requirements

Consumer Interests
Will serve as the:
Solutions Working Group | Implementation Working Group

Governance

Financing

HIPAA COW Board of Directors and Subcommittee
Will serve as the:
Variations Working Group | Legal Working Group

Working Group Key:
- Steering Committee
- Variations Working Group
- Legal Working Group
- Solutions Working Group
- Implementation Working Group
- Ad hoc Working Group